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My name is Judy Huang and I am the EPA project manager for the cleanup of the Palos Verdes Shelf portion of the Montrose Superfund site.

Ms. Leon Martinez kindly forwarded your email inquiry regarding the waste drums to me.

These barrels were found by UC Santa Barbara professor David Valentine. According to my conversations with Professor Valentine, these waste drums were found in a permitted historical ocean industrial waste disposal site where numerous industrial facilities, including Montrose, disposed their industrial wastes in this location.

EPA is working with our State, Federal, and local partners to better understand the issues associated with historical permitted ocean disposal sites.

Thank you for your interest.

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Hello Ms. Martinez-Leon,

I am emailing you regarding the recent discovery of an offshore dumpsite of DDT byproducts near Santa Catalina Island. As a concerned and interested citizen of the local community, I am curious about the actions being taken to investigate the potential damage that these barrels can do to the environment. As you are the remedial project manager of the established Montrose Superfund site, I concluded that you might be the person to initially contact regarding such information. Are you aware of whether the United States is conducting a preliminary assessment or otherwise taking any initial oversight or investigation steps? What would be the initial steps taken to facilitate United States involvement; for example, how would such a site be investigated and evaluated for listing on the National Priorities List? Is there someone else to whom I should pose these questions?

Any information you could supply me with as to the current administrative processes being undertaken surrounding the dumpsite would be greatly appreciated. I recognize that you are busy and likely have many responsibilities at the moment, so I thank you in advance.

Regards,

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